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New Health Clinic Opens in Historic 5th Ward

Legacy Community Health continues to serve Houston's underserved community

HOUSTON, TEXAS – On June 3, Legacy Community Health, the largest community health system in Houston, held the grand opening of its building in the historic Fifth Ward. Since 1981, the health center has served people from all walks of life.

Designed by Kirksey Architecture, the two-story clinic offers a full pharmacy, lab, OB/GYN and pediatrics unit, general primary care practice, dental, vision, behavioral health and 19 exam rooms.

"The building fully delivers on our vision of integrating Legacy's own history in the area with Fifth Ward's deep sense of community," said Joel Kalmin, Facilities Design Manager at Legacy. "We always strive for our clinics to reflect the communities we serve, and my hope is our health care services, design, and art on exhibit at this new campus do just that."

Already a familiar face in Houston's Fifth Ward, Legacy was growing at an increasingly faster rate and needed a new, more expansive clinic. The organization decided it was best to expand, with a more modern and technologically advanced clinic, dedicated to the same residents they had always served, but also allowing for more growth in the future. The project had to meet sustainable guidelines and was creatively designed. Innovative design solutions were incorporated to save on cost and square footage, resulting in a beautiful new space for the community and a more modern, welcoming clinic. The project is LEED Certified.

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